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Dear Mr. Gilman:

Please find enclosed herewith (1) Applicant's Response to the First Office Action mailed on May 18, 2004; and (2) an Acknowledgment Post Card. Please charge any additional fees due, or credit any overage, to Deposit Account No. 25-0050.

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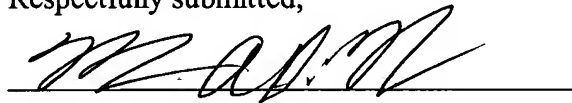
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Dear Mr. Gilman:

In response to the Detailed Action notice mailed on May 18, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks.

**Remarks**

**Claim 1 Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hume (US 5,542,857). Claim 1 is further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Reedy (US 4,804,343). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 1 based upon Hume and Reedy. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Hume for at least the reasons set forth below. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 1.

**1. Anticipation of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by Hume**

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is not anticipated by Hume because Applicant's claimed quick release socket (10) is not found in Hume. Anticipation may only be established if "each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of*